

The Honorable Thomas S. Zilly

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

J.E.F.M., a minor, by and through his Next Friend, Bob  
Ekblad, et al.,

Plaintiffs-Petitioners,

v.

Eric H. HOLDER, Attorney General of the United  
States, et al.,

Defendants-Respondents.

Case No. 14-cv-01026-TSZ

**PLAINTIFFS' RESPONSE TO  
DEFENDANTS' NOTICE OF  
PROCEEDINGS IN IMMIGRATION  
COURT**

Plaintiffs file this short response to Defendants' notice regarding the recently-continued removal proceedings of J.E.F.M., J.F.M., and D.G.F.M. Plaintiffs sent an observer to that hearing, whose declaration is attached. *See* Dkt. 78, Decl. of Glenda M. Aldana Madrid. As the declaration describes, the Immigration Judge asked the children's mother to sit at counsel table and then, unprompted, asked her if she wanted more time to find an attorney. Only then did she respond that she did want more time, after which the Judge granted an eight month continuance.

In contrast, at other hearings taking place in Seattle on the same day, another child was forced to proceed by responding to the charges, and was given a three week continuance to find an attorney. That child was told that he would have to proceed without an attorney at his next hearing. Two other children who did not appear were ordered removed in absentia that day. *See id.* at ¶¶ 4-5.

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